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Hopewell is a 2½-story, mid 18th century (1730-1750) stone structure located two miles north of Route 273 on the east side of Little Elk Creek Road. The main facade has a southern exposure with the gable running east/west. The structure is situated on the western slope of a slight rise from the Little Elk Creek, which meanders past 100' from the house.

The main $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story block is five bays across and two rooms deep. The first floor consists of four rooms and a central hall located between the back two rooms. The fieldstone structure rests on an uncoursed stone foundation. The roof is of a medium to steep pitch and covered with corrugated tin.

The south facade is five bays across and laid in cut and coursed fieldstone. Large quoins support the structure at each corner. A 20th century porch covers the segmental arch stonework over every window except in the easternmost bay. Entrances are located in the second and third bays from the west. The early doors have been replaced with late 19th century paneled ones. Transoms were probably set in at the same time as the long paneled reveals. The door and window surrounds are molded. The 6/6 sash windows are undoubtedly replacements for smaller paned sash. The second floor windows are a narrower 6/6. The boxed cornice is a certain replacement since the unused nailers for the earlier cornice were left exposed.

The west gable end, as the rest of the house, is laid in uncoursed fieldstone with stone quoins. Six-over-six sash windows are found on each floor, and a small four-pane window illuminates the attic. The pent eave was removed, but the stone drip course and wooden nailers remain. The eaves of the roof were extended on the gable ends with short returns at the base. The massive stone chimney pile protrudes through the gable end. The stack above the roof has been stuccoed, but a one course stone cap is still evident.

The east gable end is similar in detail since the 1½-story frame addition was removed. According to an earlier resident, the structure had one room on the first floor and another on the second; it was primarily used for cooking purposes. All that remains of this addition is the uncoursed stone foundation with a concrete slab floor covering. Doors were cut through the east end of the stone house for access on the first floor. The southern entrance has been covered over while the northern door was converted into a window. Plaster remains on the exterior wall and the outline of the roof pitch also attests to the addition's previous existence. There are no windows on the second floor, but two six-pane windows light the attic. A drip course is found on this gable also. The chimney pile above the roof has been removed, and a tin stove pipe presently serves as a stack. The only other opening on this side is a cellar entrance on the northern portion of the foundation wall.

The north facade has been partially covered with a single-story shed addition that covers the central bay. Nine-over-six sash are found on the first and second floors, except for the central bay on the second floor which is six-over-six. A small horizontal three-pane light is located above the central second floor window and lights the third floor stair landing.

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

The interior is an arrangement of four nearly square rooms with a central hall between the back two rooms. The two front doors provide axis to the two front rooms. The southwest room is fairly plain with an arched corner fireplace without a mantel. The walls are without ornamentation other than the simple baseboard. The door surrounds are molded (see profile on floor plan). A simple board decoration under the deep window sills consists of two plain narrow surfaces, the lower one set in on the sides and back from the slightly longer and thicker board on top. This decoration is as wide as the window opening. Early flooring fastened with rosehead nails still remains. It appears as if a later door was cut through the back wall of this room for access to the hall (see plan). The opening between the two front rooms appears to be early.

The southeast room is similarly devoid of detail other than a slightly different decoration beneath the window sill. The edges of the boards have beads and drawers were set below the sill. The present drawers are of 19th century construction. The fireplace opening is much larger than the others and is located in the east corner parallel with the end wall. Another door into the hall from this room appears later, but definite evidence for this change could not be found. One early entrance does go into the back (northeast) room. The northeast room is presently the kitchen and has been lined with modern appliances and cupboards. A corner fireplace is located in the southeast corner.

The hall has the most interesting element of the entire house, the stair. It rises to the attic and has been basically left alone. There are early turned balusters with a heavy handrail and a square newel post. The newel post is beaded on each corner and has the remains of a molded cap. The heavily molded stringer is closed. The triangular area below the stair is decorated with four raised panels. A four-panel door leads to the cellar. There is a two-panel section above the door, and a molded cornice with both cyma curves incorporated into the profile. The stair pivets on a central vertical support which is mortised and pinned at the second floor level. The turned balusters to the second floor stair are about half the size of the first floor balusters. The molding is not as elaborate, and there is only a single raised panel below the stringer. The beaded newel post has lost its cap.

The second floor is divided into four rooms, each with a small corner fireplace. A few four-panel doors with wrought HL hinges and latches remain. The floorboards are also early and fastened with rosehead nails. The fireplaces are void of any applied decoration. Like the other fireplace openings the top is arched. The northeast room has been divided to accomodate closets and a bathroom. The windows are all finished off with square plaster corners except for the window opening that lights the first stair landing, which has curved reveals. The stair reaches an attic landing where the newel is extremely plain with a slightly beveled cap and plain railing. A board door leads into t attic space.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Hopewell is one of the most significant buildings in the Little Elk Creek Valley. It is one of the earliest farmhouses still standing in the broad Elk Creek Valley and remains as an excellent example of the extensive stone building tradition of northeastern Maryland and nearby Pennsylvania and Delaware. Important interior woodwork includes the early stair. The house has an expansive view of the broad valley that has been developed both agriculturally and industrially since its settlement in the early 18th century.

Historical research has uncovered land transactions concerning Hopewell as early as 1714. On July 2nd of that year a tract of 544 acres called Hopewell was surveyed for Mathias Van Bibber (Deed Book 4/244). He served as Chief Justice of Cecil County in 1719 at Courthouse Point. In 1725 Van Bibber sold 423 acres of Hopewell to Stephen Hollingsworth, Robert Holy, and Robert Mackey, a Quaker from New Jersey (Deed Book 4/44). On October 31, 1731 Robert Mackey secured from the Governor and Council an order for 100,000 acres in Virginia. As a result of this he and his associates sold 100 acres of Hopewell to James Mackey in May 1732. James Mackey purchased another 27½ acres of Hopewell in 1746 (Deed Book 6/244). He died in 1788 and left the property to his son James Mackey (Wills EE-144). The year 1746 also found Robert Mackey, tanner of Chester County, Pennsylvania, buying 180 acres of Hopewell from William Bristow. Mackey was a large landowner in both Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1769 he was an elder of Rock Church. In 1771 the 180 acres of Hopewell went to his son James Mackey (BB-348). It is, therefore, not quite clear which of the James Mackeys owned the present building. A tract of 125 acres which presently belongs to Little Elk Farm is part of Robert Mackey's 180 acres, so it is assumed that the second Robert Mackey was probably the one to build the structure.

Later 19th and 20th century residents did not alter the structure much. not known when the frame section was added but it was torn down in the early to mid-20th century. The front porch was supposedly added about the same time.

Presently the house and acreage is owned by Richard D. Mackie, Delegate to the Maryland General Assembly.



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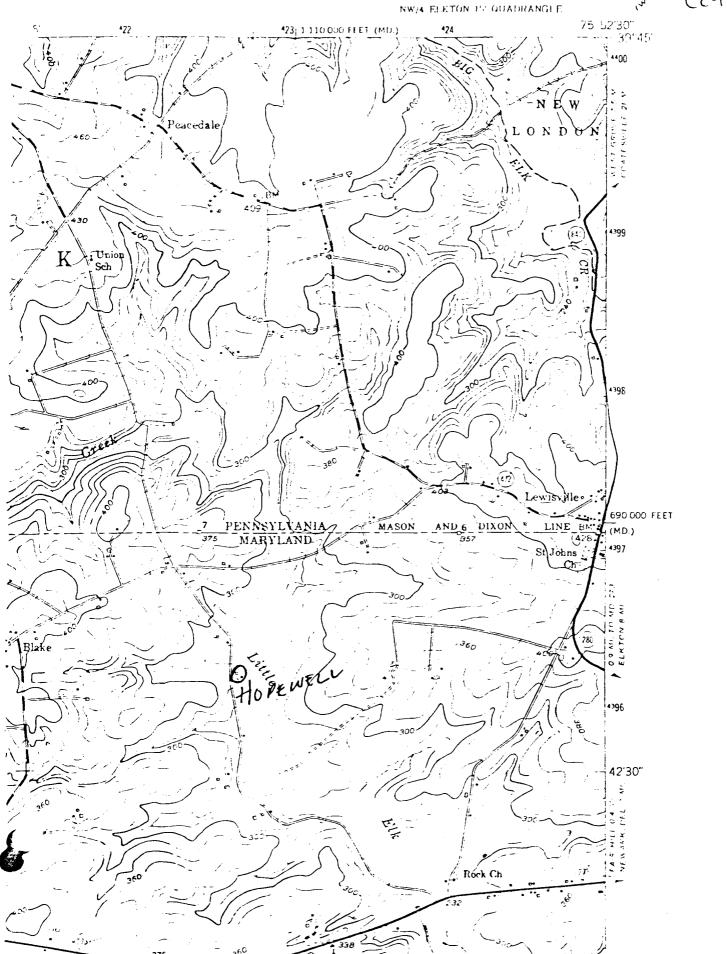
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Hopewell is a handsome rectangular stone dwelling constructed around the second quarter of the 18th Century. It is two stories tall; five bays long and two bays deep. Two doors occupy the second and third bays from the west side. The facade is laid in neat blocks of stone with segmental arches above the windows. The other three sides are laid in rough rubble stone. There is presently a porch over most of the facade. A pent eave at attic level has been removed from the west gable. Some old sash remain which are 6/9 on first story and 6/6 on second story. The north side is only three bays with center door and an "eye brow" window lighting the attic landing, probably a later introduction. A one story addition once was attached to the east side of the house.

The floor plan consists of two south rooms and two smaller rooms on the north side flankings a stair hall. The close-string stair has excellent turned balustrade, this same balustrade is used on the stair to the attic Some original four panel doors with H hinges remain. Beneath the window sills in the southeast room are drawers. The latter room has a huge fire-place parallet with the east wall, now blocked up. The other three remaining rooms have corner fireplaces, none of the fireplaces retain period trim.

The house is one of the earliest type constructed in upper Cecil County and is worthy of preservation because of its stair and its location within the Little Elk Valley.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			

Hopewell a 544 acre tract was originally patented, September 10, 1716 to Mathias Van bibber, in partial fulfillment of a warrant for Lord Baltimore for 2000 acres. It was sold in 1724 and 25 to Isaac Perkins and Stephen Hollingsworth, Robert Holy and Robert Maccay. It was subsequently divided into several more tracts until we find in 1746 that Robert Mackey bought 180 1/2 acres from William Brestow. Since the house stands on the tract described in a deed from Mackey's grandson, presumably, it is the same tract, and judging from what little architecture remains, the house was probably built by Robert Mackey. It is also mentioned as his dwelling plantation at the time of his death in 1772. In 1816 the farm passed out of the hands of the Mackey family but in 1900 it again returned to a member of said family who spelled their name Mackie. Its present owner is Mr. Richard D. Mackie, Delegate to the Maryland General Assembly.

The building is now rented and is in fair condition. It stands on the side of a hill and overlooks the Little Elk Creek,

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- July 12, 1714 Surveyed for 544 acres, Hopewell, for Mathias Van Bibber.
- February 15, 1725 To Stephen Hollingsworth, Robert Holy, Robert Maccay from M. Van Bibber, 423 acres, Hopewell.
- May 5, 1732 To Robert Holy from S. Hollingsworth and Robert Maccay, 228 acres Hopewell.
- May 5, 1732 To James Mackey from S. Hollingsworth, Robert Holy and Robert Mackey, 100 acres, Hopewell.
- March 26, 1743 To James Mackey from Robert Holy, 27% acres, Hopewell.
- March 5, 1746 To Robert Mackey from William Bristow, 180½ acres, Hopewell.
- October 11, 1769 Patented to Robert Mackey, 10 acres of tract called Little Venture (adjoining a tract called Society).
- November 3, 1769 To David Mackie, 19 acres, Mackie's Park, adjoining Hopewell.
- January 31, 1771 Will of Robert Mackey: gives to son David Mackey
 10 acres called Little Venture; to son John Mackey
 24 acres of Contention. To son James Mackey part
 of tract called Hopewell, "plantation I now live
 on," 180% acres; part of Little Elk Farm from this
 portion.

Robert Mackey gave to son James part of tract called Hopewell which he purchased from a certain William Bristow, March 5, 1746.

- May 26, 1786

 James Mackey, Sr., in will, left three tracts to James Mackey, his son.
- April 21, 1788

 Will, David Mackey: to my wife, Martha, the two back rooms in the Dwelling house; to son David all my tract called Society, 115 acres; also part of Confusion, 10 acres; also, tract called Little Venture, 10 acres. (mentions another son, William).
- December 14, 1816 Resurvey and patent for <u>David Mackey</u>, 201 acres called Society and Confusion Unlimited.

- August 15, 1818 To William Mackie from James Mackey, 100 acres, part of Hopewell and Mt. Pleasant.*
- April 19, 1819

 James Mackey, Jr., to Ebenezer Wherry, Hopewell,
 (Robert Mackey, grandfather of James, Jr., gave to
 son James "plantation I now live on, 180% acres."

 James, Jr., died intestate 1806, and his son
 petitioned court to divide father's real estate,
 divided into two parts, with South Division of
 125 acres (Dwelling "Hopewell" on this acreage).
- March 23, 1838 196 acres to James Hodgson from David Mackey, Sr., part of Society and Confusion.*
- April 12, 1838 James Hodgson to Robert Brown, 196 acres of Society and part of Confusion.
- February 4, 1846 Robert Brown to William Armstrong, part of Society, 56 acres.
- April 7, 1847 To Jacob Howard from estate William Mackey, 100 acres, part of Hopewell.*
- February 10, 1849 To Walter Armstrong and William Armstrong, from J. Howard, 100 acres, part of Hopewell.
- September 14, 1874 To Walter Armstrong from William Armstrong, 56 acres; also, 100 acres, part of Hopewell.
- January 23, 1891 To Emma Armstrong, from heirs Walter Armstrong, parcels A and B, with 156 acres.
- December 26, 1905 To W. Fred Armstrong (No acreage given) from W. T. Warbarton, Trustee.
- May 1, 1929 To D. Clinton Mackey from Margaret B. Armstrong, 175 acres.
- April 20, 1931 To Stockford Farms, Inc., from D. Clinton Mackey.
- March 15, 1938 To Little Elk, Inc., from Stockford Farms, Inc., 175 acres.
- April 24, 1945 , To Lomie Crouse, 184 acres, from Little Elk, Inc.
- January 2, 1957 To Thomas Crouse, 184 acres, from Clyde R. Crouse, widow.
- April 10, 1964 To Richard Mackie, 159 acres, from Thomas B. Crouse, and wife.
- * Little Elk Farm comes from David Mackey and William Mackie land.

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COUNTY Cecil

TOWN Fair Hill VICINITY ROCK Jhuren

STREET NO. Scott Road, 12 miles north of

Rt. 2/3

ORIGINAL OWNER

ORIGINAL USE dwelling

PRESENT OWNER Richard D. Mackie

PRESENT USE Vacant WALL CONSTRUCTION Stone

NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME "Little Elk #5" on N. Jasper Scott Farm

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1720 - 1740 colonial

STYLE ARCHITECT

ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

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Notate Maryland County Cecil

TOWN Fair Hill VICINITY ROCK Church STREET NO. Scott Road, 12 miles north of Rt. 273

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PRESENT OWNER Richard D. Mackie

PRESENT USE Vacant

WALL CONSTRUCTION STONE

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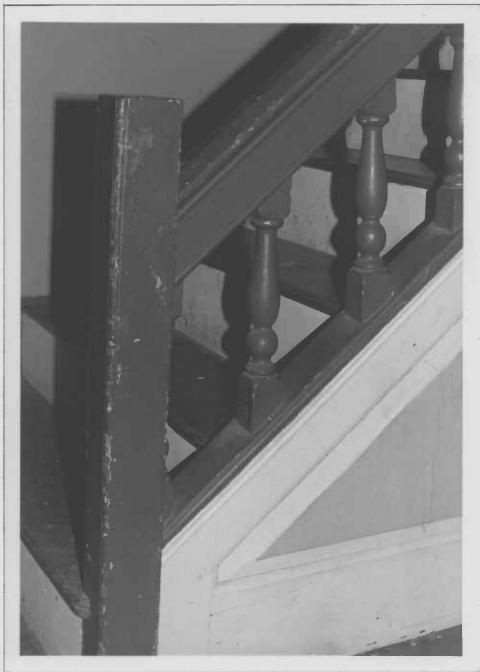
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